GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAIN FALL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rainfall in some States such as Gujarat, Rajasthan and Karnataka has failed for the third consecutive year;

(b) if so, the details of rainfall in these States as compared to other States during the above period;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to failure of rainfall, people from many parts of these areas have been moving out to escape the drought situation;

(d) if so, the percentage of people affected due to such situation in these three States; and

(e) what measures being taken by the Government for the rehabilitation of affected people?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): During the South-west monsoon period this year, Gujarat and Rajasthanreceived deficient rainfall while Karnataka received excess rainfall, as compared to the normal. The States of MadhyaPradesh & Chattisgarh and Orissaalso received deficient rainfall as compared to the normal. The other States have received normal to excess rainfall.

(c) to (e): No report of large scale migration on account of drought has been received from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Karnataka. However, some migration on account of various other factors does take place in different parts of the country. To provide relief to the people in the drought affected States, a number of measures have been taken by the Central Government which include the following:

(a) Circulation of a Drought Contingency Plan to the concerned States for taking necessary steps.

(b) It has been decided to allocate additional foodgrains at BPL rate @ 20 k.g. per family unit to all thefamilies in the drought affected areas.

(c) Funds have been released under related Central Schemes for starting employment generation programmes.

(d) The States have also been advised to start Food for Work Programme.

(e) The Department of Drinking Water Supply is constantly monitoring drinking water supply projects with a view to expediting these.

(f) The Central Ground Water Board has been advised to hand over exploratory tube wells to the Statesfor the purpose of drinking water.

(g) The States have been advised to sensitize farmers about the scarcity of water and encourage them togo for the crops which require less water.

(h) States have also been advised to open fodder depots and cattle camps wherever necessary.